

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003. Claim 23 is amended and claim 24 is canceled; as a result, claims 1-23 and 25-38 are now pending in this application.

The drawings and specification have been amended. Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter is being added. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and approval of these amendments.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. 6,321,158). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicant is unable to find a showing of the subject matter recited in the claims in DeLorme et al.. Applicant notes a distinction between a PDA address book entry and electronic map features, which can include address information (see, for example, page 10, line 23 to page 11, line 2, and page 14, line 25 to page 15, line 18 of the specification).

Applicant notes that DeLorme et al. is a lengthy reference. Should the rejection be maintained, Applicant respectfully requests clarification of the rejection by addressing the specific language recited in the claims and by including citations to specific portions of the reference relied upon to support a rejection of the language recited in the claim. Applicant found the term "address book" at column 43, lines 3-5 and column 72, lines 29-31 of DeLorme et al., where the term is mentioned as part of a discussion of synchronization between a desktop or homebase platform and a PDA or portable(s). However, Applicant is unable to find a showing or even a fair suggestion of the subject matter recited in the claims in these portions of DeLorme et al.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in DeLorme et al. a method where a location is identified, a PDA address book entry is associated with the location to form a waypoint, and PDA address book functions are integrated with GPS capabilities, as recited in claim 1. Claims 2-6 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 1, and are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons provided with respect to independent claim 1.

With respect to independent claim 7, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in DeLorme et al. a method where a PDA address book entry is selected, a location is associated with the PDA address book entry to form a waypoint, and PDA address book functions are integrated with GPS capabilities, as recited in claim 7. Claims 8-13 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 7, and are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons provided with respect to independent claim 7.

With respect to independent claim 14, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in DeLorme et al. a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions adapted to associate a PDA address book entry with a location on an electronic map that is capable of being displayed on the PDA, as recited in claim 14. Claims 15-22 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 14, and are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons provided with respect to independent claim 14.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection with respect to originally-filed claim 23 as Applicant is unable to find the recited data structure for use by a PDA for linking a PDA address book entry and a location for use in integrating PDA address book functions with GPS capabilities. Independent claim 23 has been amended to further clarify that the data structure is associated with the PDA address book entry such that the PDA address book entry includes the field representing a latitude and the field representing a longitude. Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in DeLorme et al., a showing of a data structure as recited in amended claim 23. Claims 25-27 depend on independent claim 23, and are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons provided with respect to independent claim 23.

With respect to independent claim 28, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in DeLorme et al., a PDA device with an integrated electronic map and address book, comprising a processor, a memory adapted to communicate to the processor and that includes address book data and electronic map data, where the device is adapted to associate a location that is capable of being displayed on the electronic map with a PDA address book entry to form a waypoint, as recited in the claim. Claims 29-38 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 28, and are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons provided with respect to independent claim 28.

Applicant notes that U.S. 6,321,158 was filed on August 31, 1998 as Application No. 09/144836 and issued on November 20, 2001, less than one year before the present application was filed. DeLorme et al. claims priority to earlier applications as a continuation-in-part. However, no assertion has been made that the earlier applications support the rejection. Applicant maintains its right to swear behind any documents relied upon for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102(a), 102(e), 103/102(a), and 103/102(e). Statements distinguishing the claimed subject matter over the cited references are not to be interpreted as admissions that the documents are prior art.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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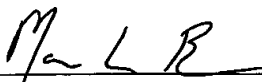
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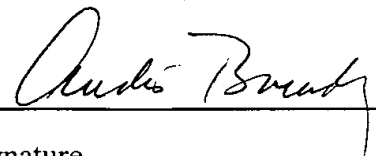
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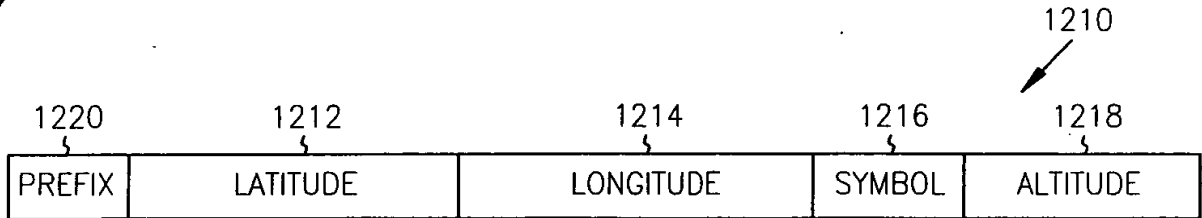


FIG. 12A

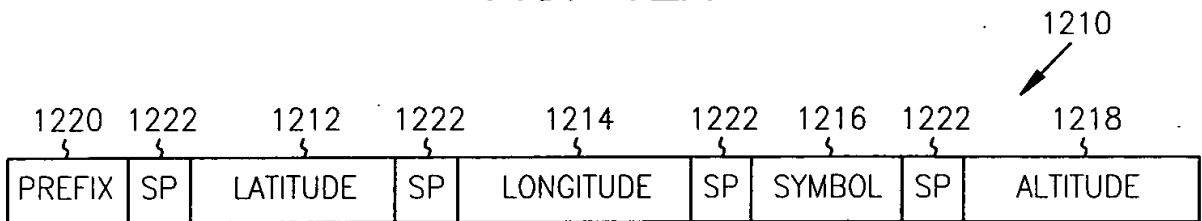


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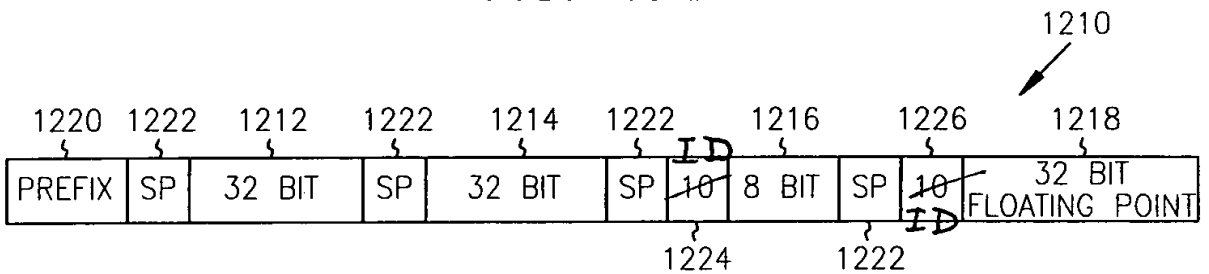


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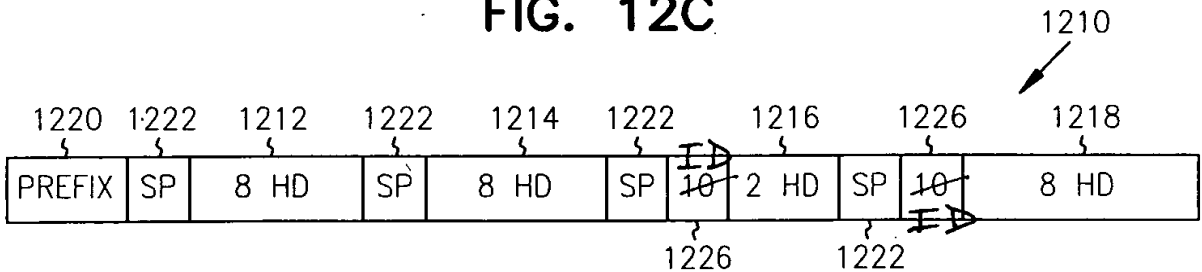


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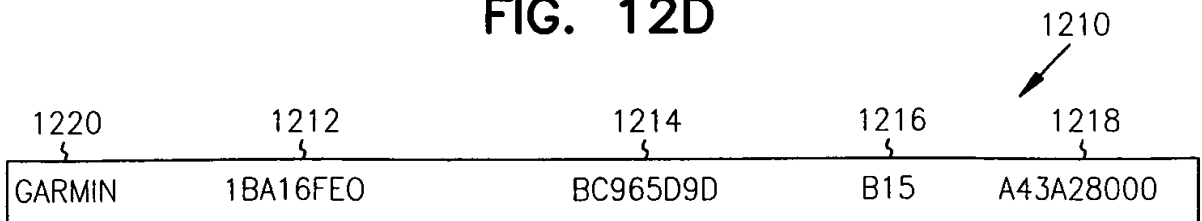


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